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1. LIST OF COMMODITIES RESERVED FOR PUBLIC SECTOR, INCLUDING
EIGHTEEN COMMODITIES ADDED TO LIST IN MID-1976, REPORTED
REF B. AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE THIS IS STILL THE GOVERNING
REGULATION ON PRIVATE SECTOR IMPORT.

2. RELATED TO ABOVE, AND IN CONTINUATION OF THE USE OF
IMPORT POLICY TO STIMULATE ECONOMIC EXPANSION, WE HAVE
CONFIRMED THAT CUSTOMS DUTIES HAVE BEEN REMOVED FROM "RAW
MATERIALS" USED IN BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION. APPROPRIATE
INSTRUCTIONS, WE ARE INFORMED, HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO CUSTOMS OFFICIALS
TO EXEMPT SUCH ITEMS. HOWEVER, WE UNDERSTAND THAT FORMAL MINISTERIAL
DECREE HAS NOT YET APPEARED BECAUSE PEOPLES ASSEMBLY HAS
NOT TAKEN FINAL ACTION ON MEASURE PROVIDING FOR EXEMPTION.
THERE IS NO "LIST" OF EXEMPTED ITEMS, AND QUESTIONS HAVE
ARISEN AS TO WHAT CONSTITUTES A "RAW MATERIAL" WHICH WOULD
BE EXEMPT. MINTRADE HAS BEEN MAKING INDIVIDUAL DECISIONS
ON ITEMS WHEN ASKED BY IMPORTERS TO DO SO. CEMENT, LUMBER,
AND REBARS ARE AMONG ITEMS THUS FAR EXEMPTED.
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